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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 3 and 6 are amended to improve form and claims 17, 18 and 20 are amended into independent form, independent claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error therein and independent claim 25 has been amended to further clarify the method of the present invention in conjunction with the use of a non-contact IC card reader/writer device and further, claim 20 has been amended responsive to item 2 of the Action to correct a typographical and grammatical error.

Moreover, claim 1/24 is shown as "previously presented" and not as --cancelled--, consistent with the status of that claim thus far in prosecution.

Status of Claims

Claims 2-7, 15-20 and 23-25 are acknowledged to be pending in the application -- but, as noted, claim 1 is also still pending.

Claims 2-7, 23 and 24 are allowed.

Claims 15, 16 and 25 are rejected.

Claims 17, 18 and 20 are objected to but are indicated to be allowable if suitably rewritten into independent form.

Objections and Rejections

Claim 20 is objected to in Item 2 and a correction of a misspelling is proposed by the Action. That proposal has been implemented in the foregoing and, accordingly, the objection is understood to be overcome.

The Examiner's careful review of the claims and offering a suggestion for correcting the inappropriate expression in claim 20 are acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

Item 3: Rejection of Claims 25, 15 and 16 for Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Crabtree et al. (US 2003/0034887)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 25 is amended in the foregoing to recite the method of detecting of the invention to be in accordance with associated functions of a non-contact IC card reader/writer device, in the nature of those device functions as set forth in claim 25 and as set forth in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowable subject matter as to independent claim 24 (inter alia). Accordingly, it is submitted that the independent method claim 25 is now allowable for the same

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reasons as set forth in the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in Item 6 of the Action.

As noted hereinabove, claim 1 is treated in the present response as pending, consistent with the status of claim 1 in the preceding Action mailed December 17, 2004 and in the Response filed February 17, 2005, in which the preceding, independent claim 1 was amended to depend from claim 24.

The Examiner's treatment of the claims herein, previously designated in the Action of December 17, 2004 as being directed to patentably distinct Species I-VI (and thus excluding only Species VII defined by claims 8-14 and 21-23, corrected by Applicants to claims 21-22) is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

Conclusion

It is submitted that all pending claims herein are now in condition for allowance and, there being no other objections or rejections, that the application is in condition for allowance, which Action is earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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